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In the claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-7. (canceled)

8. (currently amended) Padded fishing shorts comprising:

5 a trunk portion and legs, said trunk portion having an open top with means for securement about
 the waist of a wearer, a rear area for covering the buttocks of the wearer, a frontal crotch area,
 and opposite sides forming hip areas for covering the hips of a wearer, said trunk portion and
 said trunk portion and said legs having exterior surfaces;
10 a plurality of hook and loop material strips attached to said exterior surface of said frontal crotch
 area,
 a padding attached to said exterior surface of said frontal crotch area by means of said hook and
 loop material strips,

 said padding is covering a wearers crotch area and lower abdomen such that the wearer can rest
 the butt of a fishing pole on their abdomen in the customary position used for fighting fish, and said
15 padding is removable from said shorts for convenience.

9-18. (canceled)